

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INSTALLING  
YOUR BEASLEY FLOORING PRODUCTS FACTORY-FINISHED WOOD FLOORING  
INSTALLATION  
INSTRUCTIONS

**OWNER RESPONSIBILITY:** Installation of flooring material denotes acceptance of the flooring. It is the owner of the flooring and the installer's responsibilities to inspect and approve each piece of flooring prior to installation. If the flooring will not satisfy the customer fully do not install it. This decision to stop the installation must be made within the first 10% or 100 square feet of flooring opened, whichever is less. Industry standards allow a variance from grading and manufacturing tolerances of 5%. For hold harmless agreements check with legal counsel. Important decisions must be made at the jobsite for a successful wood floor installation and are the responsibility of the installer/owner. Installation of the flooring also signifies proper jobsite assessment has been completed and that all are within a living condition, with heating and air conditioning systems operational and the jobsite is built to proper construction standards.

These include but are not limited to: interior environmental conditions (temperature and relative humidity) at the time of installation; crawlspace and/or basement environmental conditions; proper storage and handling of flooring materials; complete evaluation and permanent record of site conditions including moisture testing of the subfloor and flooring; acclimation of flooring to living conditions; subfloor preparation and construction; under-floor construction and conditions; flooring layout; milling and appearance of the flooring including color, gloss, grade, and

scraping; proper installation methods; sufficient quantity of flooring to complete the job.

**HANDLING & INSTALLATION:** BEASLEY FLOORING PRODUCTS takes steps to ensure that the

flooring we produce meets our high standards. In order to preserve that quality, several procedures must be

followed between the time your flooring leaves our facility and the time it is installed in your home.

Prior to flooring delivery, the jobsite should be checked to make sure it is ready to receive the flooring. BEASLEY FLOORING PRODUCTS wood flooring is for interior use only and should never be

exposed to excessive moisture conditions. Abuses during shipment or storage such as exposure to

excessive moisture conditions or rough handling should be noted and reported immediately.

Once delivered, BEASLEY FLOORING PRODUCTS wood flooring should be allowed to acclimate to the

area where it is to be installed. This helps prevent moisture related problems such as gaps between

planks, cupping and/or buckling. Acclimation should only be carried out if jobsite conditions have been assessed properly and shown to be within a normal, living condition for the region.

According to the National Wood Flooring Association ([www.nwfa.org](http://www.nwfa.org), or (800)422-4556), the following items should be done and maintained prior to, during and after delivery to the jobsite and installation of the flooring:

- 1) Surface drainage of the land around the building should be directed away from the structure;
- (2) The building must be "dried-in" with the roof on, all exteriors walls completed and all outside windows and doors in place;
- (3) All concrete, masonry, sheetrock, and framing members should be thoroughly dry
- (4) The basement and/or crawl space must be dry (meaning no presence of high humidity conditions as well as no standing or liquid water) and a ground cover of 6 mil polyethylene film should be in place over 100% of the crawlspace earth;

(5) The interior environment must be near occupancy levels with the heating or air conditioning system operating at time of flooring delivery and until after installation and occupancy

(6) Construction near lakes, rivers, oceans and other large bodies of water must be thoroughly dried-in and with the HVAC system operating for several weeks or longer than normal to make sure the jobsite is dry prior to delivery of wood flooring. Depending on the proximity of the water, certain wood flooring may not be suitable – please consult your sales representative.

(7) The subfloor moisture content must be checked to make sure it is within normal ranges for the region and not above 12%. If the subfloor moisture content percentage is higher than the flooring moisture content by 4% or more, then the flooring is at risk for moisture related damage such as cupping, damage to finish such as cracks in the board face, and buckling.

Once these steps have been completed, your flooring is ready to be installed.

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FLOORING PRODUCTS wood flooring should always be installed either perpendicular or at a 45 degree angle to the floor joists. Failure to do so could result in high ridges in the floor at

every joist.

Do not use a wall as your starting line because walls are rarely perfectly straight and the

flooring therefore will not be straight. Place a straight line on the floor using a carpenter's chalk line. You may need to face nail and/or glue the boards along the starting line to achieve a

straight starting row. In very wide rooms, consider placing the starting row in the center of the

room.

Use a spline to reverse direction so that you can proceed to walls at either end of the room.

This will minimize movement and noise issues that may occur should the flooring absorb moisture and swell after occupancy.

It is absolutely necessary to leave a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " expansion space between the hardwood flooring and the perimeter walls of every room. Failure to leave an expansion space can damage walls and other surrounding fixtures such as fireplace hearths and adjacent flooring materials should the wood flooring absorb moisture and swell.